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West Sacramento Mattress Companies Ordered to Comply with Law

Inspectors Red-Tag More Than 130 Mattresses at Manufacturers for Improper Sanitation

SACRAMENTO (July 24) – Two companies that manufacture mattresses were ordered today to clean up their act following inspections by the Department of Consumer Affairs' Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (BHFTI).

Inspectors discovered numerous health and safety violations at Komfi Mattress, 1631 Enterprise Boulevard, and U.S. Mattress, 31 15th Street, in West Sacramento. Most of the violations centered around improper sanitizing of reconditioned or rebuilt mattresses, but Komfi Mattress was also found to be operating without a license.

More than 130 mattresses at U.S. Mattress, owned by Jose Sual Robles, and Komfi Mattress, owned by Jeremy Kass Tavoaci, were "red-tagged," which means they cannot be offered for sale until reinspected by BHFTI. By looking for tiny tell-tale fibers present in state-approved disinfectant spray that shine under a blacklight, inspectors can tell if a mattresses has been properly sanitized. In some cases, not enough spray was used. In others, employees had apparently simply covered the top of the mattress with new material while ignoring the sides, which were obviously soiled.

In addition to the red-tagging, BHFTI issued notices of violation to both businesses for a long list of health and safety deficiencies. Inspectors will return within the next week to check if the companies have fixed the problems. If not, they will be issued citations and fined, said Rick Diamond, BHFTI Field Operations Manager, who led the inspections.

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“The Bureau goes to great lengths to work with businesses to comply with California laws and regulations before issuing a citation. Hopefully we now have these businesses’ attention,” Diamond said.

But Komfi Mattress had an additional violation: it was operating without a license and using the license number of its former location on its mattress tags. The owner told inspectors he had moved the business, then called Komfi Sofa, from Natomas to the new location several months ago and had unsuccessfully tried to change the address and name with BHFTI as required by law.

However, the license for Komfi Sofa was in fact issued to another person, identified by an employee as Mr. Tavoaci’s partner. Diamond stated, “Only the individual named on a license can apply for a change of address ”

Inspectors cited Komfi Mattress for operating without a license and ordered Mr.Tavaoaci to cease operations until a valid license is issued by BHFTI.

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